Virginia Humanities Center for the Book
Book Arts Program
Coordinating Committee meeting
January 15, 2021

Attending: Garrett, Sarah, Lyall, Bonnie, Kristin, Kevin, Lotta, Erica, Janet, Addeane

General Business

The annual members meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021. At the meeting, the committee needs to present a slate of committee members for the membership to consider and vote on.

Kristin’s anniversary broadside has been well received: 24 have been sold; 31 people participated in the virtual interview with Kristin about the creative process behind the broadside, and there were 248 Facebook views.

A web sales site is being built and will be ready soon. Kristin’s broadside will get wider exposure there.

The Virginia Humanities move to the new building has a target date of mid-April, but May-June is a realistic date for the move.

The year-long VoiceOver project is moving well. The narrative in Virginia is changing, as is the role of art and artists. The intention is to distribute across Virginia.

“The Heart is a Drowning Object” by Katherine McNamara and colleagues will be explored in a January 22 presentation by the Center for the Book, moderated by Molly Schwartzburg.

The Book Festival is scheduled for March 13-26, with the usual breadth and depth. The full schedule will be posted by the end of January. All videos will be available for later viewing.

Special Discussion
The meeting included an hour-long session of discussion and self-reflection about the composition and role of the Coordinating Committee in a climate of the urgent need for wider inclusion. The discussion was confidential.